

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application identified in caption, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, is respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants note that page 2 of the form PTO/SB/08a filed with the Second Information Disclosure Statement on October 19, 2011, inadvertently refers to the cited foreign Office Action as being issued by the Japanese Patent Office, when in fact such foreign Office Action was issued by the Taiwanese Patent Office. While the foreign Office Action was incorrectly identified in the form PTO/SB/08a, the correct document was submitted. The Second Information Disclosure Statement at page 1 correctly identifies the Office Action as being issued in the corresponding Taiwanese application. To assist the Examiner, a corrected form PTO/SB/08a is attached hereto. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

In the Official Action, claims 1-8, 10, 13, 21-23 and 26-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0208231 (*Nimura et al*). Claims 1-7, 10, 13, 22, 23 and 26-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Japanese Patent Document No. JP 2001-163995 (*JP '995*) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0210370 (*Yano et al*), and further in view of *Nimura et al*. Claims 11, 12 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Nimura et al* or *JP '995*, *Yano et al* and *Nimura et al*, and further in view of Japanese Patent Document

No. JP 2003-057415 (*JP '415*). Withdrawal of the above rejections is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Without addressing the propriety of the Examiner's comments concerning the contents of the applied documents, submitted herewith are verified English translations of the foreign priority applications to which the present application claims the benefit of priority (i.e., Japanese Application Nos. 2004-090319 and 2004-090320, each on filed on March 25, 2004). The March 25, 2004 filing date of the foreign priority applications is prior to the March 16, 2005 §102(e) date of *Nimura et al.* In light of the perfected foreign priority claim, it is apparent that *Nimura et al* does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In this regard, Applicants note that support for claims 1-8, 10-13 and 21-34 of the present application can be found in Japanese Application No. 2004-090320 at least as follows:

Present Application	Japanese Application No. 2004-090320
Claim 1	Claim 1; page 114, paragraph [0143]
Claim 2	Claim 2
Claim 3	Claim 3
Claim 4	Claim 4
Claim 5	Claim 6
Claim 6	Claim 7
Claim 7	Claim 8
Claim 8	Claims 1 and 9
Claim 10	Claim 18
Claim 11	Claim 30
Claim 12	Claims 35
Claim 13	Claims 1, 37 and 38
Claim 21	Claim 1 and pages 47-48, paragraph [0053]
Claim 22	Claim 1 and page 37, paragraph [0034]
Claim 23-34	Claims 37 and 38 and the above citations

Further, claim 13 of the present application is supported at claim 1 of Japanese Application No. 2004-090319. Claim 22 of the present application is supported at claim 1 of Japanese Application No. 2004-090319, taken in connection with page 20, paragraph [0020].

The above rejections are untenable in light of the removal of *Nimura et al* from qualifying as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In this regard, each of the above rejections relies on the disclosure of *Nimura et al*, and the other applied documents (i.e., *JP '995*, *Yano et al* and *JP '415*) do not remedy the deficiencies of the rejections in light of the removal of *Nimura et al*.

Accordingly, for at least the above reasons, withdrawal of the above §103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

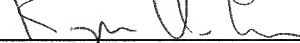
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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